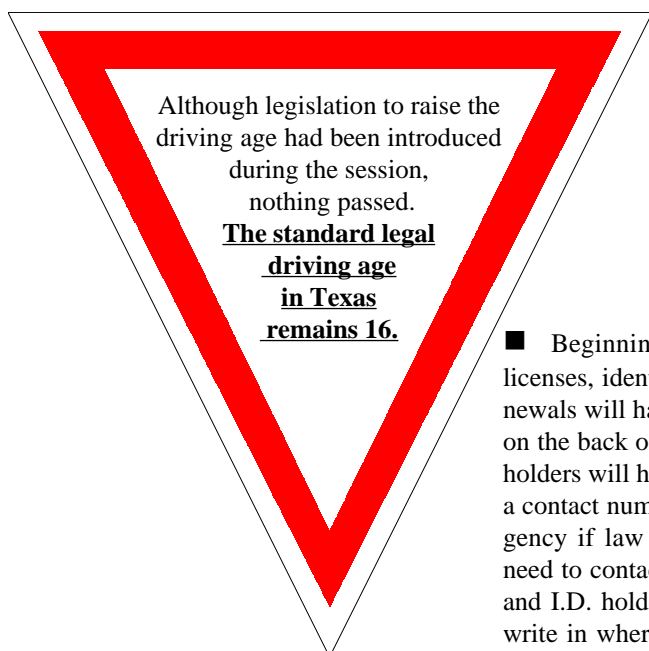
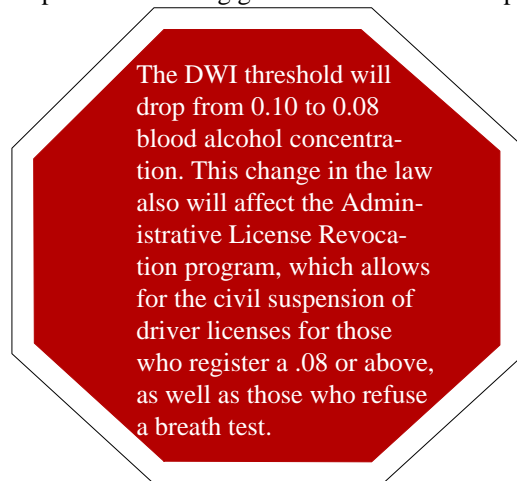
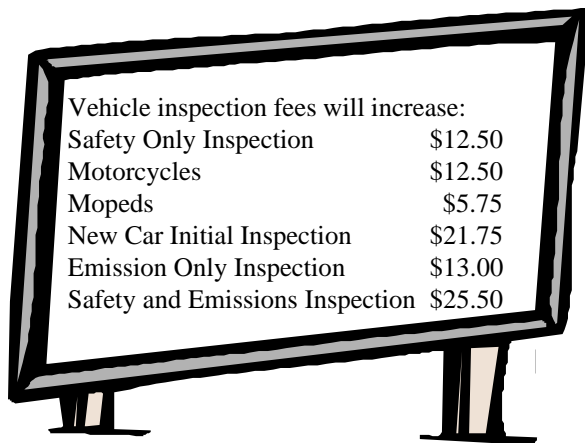


■ School buses *without* commercial vehicle inspection stickers will now have a maximum speed limit of 50 mph. The prior law allowed school buses to travel 55 mph on interstates. School buses *with* commercial vehicle inspection stickers will now be allowed to travel 60 mph on interstates and state numbered highways.

■ Starting on Jan. 1, 2000, all gas caps will be pressure-tested during vehicle inspections to make sure the caps are not leaking gas fumes into the atmosphere.



■ The current seat belt law has been broadened to cover all children in a vehicle, no matter where they are seated. That means that all children under the age of 15 must be properly restrained --period. Children under two must still be seated in an approved car seat. The law also requires seat belt usage for all children under 15 years of age in one-ton pick-ups. (Please note that children under two must still be seated in an approved car seat.) One other change clarifies that safety belt means a lap belt and a shoulder strap if the vehicle is so equipped.

■ Beginning Sept. 1, new driver licenses, identification cards and renewals will have a writeable surface on the back of the license so license holders will have the option to fill in a contact number to call in an emergency if law enforcement agencies need to contact next-of-kin. License and I.D. holders already are able to write in where an emergency directive to physician is filed and any allergic reactions to drugs the license holder may have.



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